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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KOREAN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
RESOURCES

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF DOE VISITS FOR
MINISTER CHANG YE-CHUN DURING HIS VISIT TO U.S. IN
LATE APRIL 1978.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

10:00 A.M. - DOE BRIEFING ON WORLD ENERGY SITUATION

10:30 A.M. - DOE BRIEFING ON U.S. ENERGY POLICY

2:00 P.M. - COURTESY CALL ON DR. SCHLESINGER
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2:45 P.M. - PRESENTATION BY MINISTER CHANG ON KOREA'S
ENERGY SITUATION

3:30 P.M. - REVIEW OF U.S. SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM AND
DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 A.M. - CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON COOPERATION,
IF NEEDED.

2. DOE HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON QUESTION OF ANOTHER ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH KOREA. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, THERE IS NOW IN FORCE WITH KOREA, THE U.S.-KOREAN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, THE U.S.-KOREAN JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MATTERS, THE ANL-KAERI SISTER LABORATORY AGREEMENT, AND THE U.S.-KOREAN AGREEMENT ON THE CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT EVIDENT THAT ANOTHER TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH KOREA IS NEEDED.

3. DOE PROPOSES TO REVIEW WITH MINISTER CHANG THE DOE SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM, TO DISCUSS WITH HIM KOREAN'S SOLAR ENERGY NEEDS, AND THEN EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH DOE COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE.

4. DOE COULD PROVIDE SOME GENERAL GUIDANCE IN IDENTIFYING INDUSTRIES AND UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED IN THE SOLAR ENERGY ACTIVITIES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO KOREA. DOE CAN ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND HOST SHORT VISITS BY KOREAN TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS ON U.S. APPROACH TO MARKET ANALYSIS FOR SOLAR PRODUCTS, APPROACHES TO COMMERCIALIZATION.
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TION OF THE TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING TRAINING MATERIALS AND HANDBOOKS FOR THE INDUSTRY, ETC. NO FORMAL U.S.-KOREAN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. IF AT SOME FUTURE DATE KOREA WERE TO UNDERTAKE A SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S., THERE COULD BE POSSIBILITY OF AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH DOE ON THAT PROJECT.

-- IF KOREA IS SEEKING ADVICE ON DETERMINING HOW SOLAR ENERGY CAN BEST BE USED TO MEET THEIR ENERGY NEEDS AND TO DEVELOP THE SCOPE OF A SOLAR PROGRAM, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OR OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION COULD PROVIDE SUCH A SERVICE.

-- IF KOREA IS INTERESTED IN PUTTING SOME SOLAR UNITS OR HOUSES IN KOREA AND TESTING THEM UNDER LOCAL CONDITIONS, OR IF THEY WISH TO DEVELOP A DOMESTIC CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE SOLAR UNITS UNDER LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S. INDUSTRY, THEY SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE COMPANIES. A LIST OF QUALIFIED FIRMS CAN BE PROVIDED TO CHANG.

5. DOE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PREPARATION OF A

JOINT STATEMENT OR AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AT THE CONCLU-

SION OF MINISTER CHANG'S VISIT WHICH WOULD SET FORTH ANY
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAD BEEN REACHED ON WAYS IN
WHICH THE DOE COULD ASSIST MER IN ITS ENERGY PROGRAM.
DOE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT AT PRESENT FORESEE FUNDING ANY
SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN KOREA. VANCE

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